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SUBJ: TRADE ACT 1974 - EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION PROTEST

REF: LIMA 0160

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. THE FEDERATION OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN

EXPORT ASSOCIATIONS (FELACEX) WITH HEADQUARTERS IN LIMA HAS SENT TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT FORD REQUESTING AN APPOINTMENT FOR A FELACEX DELEGATION TO EXPLAIN THE DAMAGING RESULTS ON THEIR COUNTRIES OF THE NEW TRADE ACT OF 1974.

2. FELACEX CLAIMS TO REPRESENT EXPORT ASSOCIATIONS FROM 24 LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES PLUS PUERTO RICO. IT STATES IT IS NOT A GOVERNMENT INSTITUTION BUT AN ASSOCIATION OF PRIVATE COUNTRY EXPORT ASSOCIATIONS. FELACEX WAS FOUNDED IN 1970 IN CARACAS AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL 1974, WHEN LIMA WAS MADE ITS HEADQUARTERS UNTIL 1976. SITE OF FELACEX HEADQUARTERS ROTATES AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES. HOST COUNTRY EXPORT ASSOCIATION BECOMES SECRETARIAT FOR FELACEX AND HOST COUNTRY EXPORT ASSOCIATION HEAD BECOMES PRESIDENT OF FELACEX. THUS, ING. JORGE LICETTI, PRESIDENT OF

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PERUVIAN EXPORT ASSOCIATION (ADEX), IS NOW PRESIDENT OF FELACEX

AND SIGNED TELEGRAM REFERRED TO IN ABOVE PARAGRAPH.

3. LICETTI HAS ALSO BEEN QUOTED IN LIMA PRESS AS CALLING NEW TRADE ACT "ECONOMIC AGGRESSION", ETC. AND CLAIMING IT MIGHT ULTIMATELY DAMAGE PERU.

4. COMATT MET WITH OFFICIALS OF ADEX (ALTHOUGH LICETTI COULD NOT ATTEND MEETING) TO INITIATE CONTACTS. ADEX OFFICIALS SEEMED ANXIOUS TO LEARN ABOUT NEW LAW. IT WAS AGREED EMBASSY WOULD SUPPLY COPY OF NEW ACT WHEN RECEIVED AS WELL AS BACKGROUND ARTICLES. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT CONTACTS SHOULD CONTINUE WITH EMBASSY. END UNCLASSIFIED

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5. COMMENT:

ADEX OFFICIALS ADMITTED PROVISIONS OF LAW WERE NOT IMMEDIATELY DAMAGING TO PERU BUT WERE CONCERNED THAT POSSIBLE FUTURE PERUVIAN MEMBERSHIP IN OPEC WOULD CREATE PROBLEM. ALSO, CLEAR THAT BASED ON SOLIDARITY PRINCIPLE FELACEX AND ADEX WILL CONTINUE TO CLAIM ECONOMIC AGGRESSION AS LONG AS ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA CLAIM THEY ARE BEING DAMAGED.

6. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT FROM EMBASSY QUITO AND EMBASSY CARACAS ON WHAT THEY KNOW ABOUT BONA FIDES OF FELACEX.

B. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT SENDING ANY ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION OR INTERPRETATIVE ARTICLES ON TRADE ACT WHICH COULD CLARIFY MANY FINE POINTS OF LAW AND PENDING QUESTIONS ON ACT FOR FELACEX AND ADEX REPRESENTATIVES IN LIMA. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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